Report on the Regional Institutional Gathering

The Regional Institutional Gathering took place on the 3rd and 4th of August in Lahore. This gathering brought together 45 participants from across Punjab, including representatives from Local Spiritual Assemblies, Area Teaching Committees, the Pioneering Committee, and potential human resources.

Day 1

Chair and Hosting:

- The program on the first day was chaired by Mr. Asif and was well-hosted.

Devotional:

- The Bahawalpur friends presented the devotional.

Study Session:

- ABM Mrs. Mahwash Yousaf conducted a study and reflection on the Universal House of Justice message dated 27th May

2024, which was well- reflected by the friends.

Experience at Junior Youth Camps and Orientation:

- A detailed experience regarding junior youth camps and orientation from the Sialkot cluster was presented, providing valuable learning insights.

Breakout Sessions:

- Friends broke into mixed groups to deepen their understanding of selected passages from the 29 December 2015 message. This activity was conducted twice a day from 7 to 14 paragraphs.

Experience at Book 5 Campaign:

- Post-lunch, detailed experiences from the Book 5 campaign were shared, covering learnings and field challenges.

Cluster Planning:

- Friends regrouped according to their clusters to prepare plans aligned with their annual goals, reflecting on the 29 December message to support their planning process.

Artistic Expression:

- The Multan cluster presented a role-play based on real experiences about youth gathering, followed by a motivational song.

Day 2

Chair and Hosting:

- The second day was chaired by Ms. Hamra.

Devotional:

- The Samundari cluster presented the devotional.

Study Session:

- Participants engaged in breakout groups to study paragraphs 15 to 18 of the Universal House of Justice message. This session helped remind friends of how to flourish activities in their clusters and achieve the nine-year plan.

Planning Sessions:

- Friends were given planning time twice a day to finalize their plans.

Experience at Strengthening the Nucleus:

- The Samundari cluster presented an appreciative experience regarding the strengthening of the nucleus.

Video Presentation:

- A video presentation from the Council regarding the activities and efforts of Punjab friends was presented, which was thrilling to watch.

Presentations by Regional Baha'i Council and Pioneering Committee:

- The Regional Baha'i Council and the Pioneering Committee gave presentations on their efforts to promote the importance of short-term and long-term pioneering. They shared the status of all Punjab clusters and identified clusters needing pioneers.
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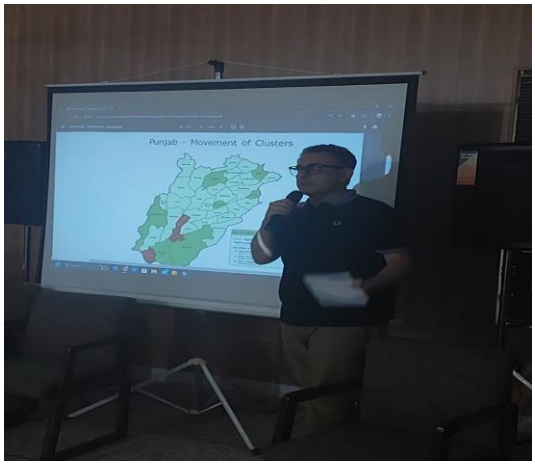

Finalization of Plans:

- In breakout groups, friends finalized their cluster plans and presented them in detail.

Closing Note:

- Mr. Asif delivered the ending note, thanking the Local Spiritual Assembly Lahore, Auxiliary Board Members, Counsellors, and friends for their support and guidance. The program concluded with prayers.

The two-day Regional Institutional Gathering in Lahore was a fruitful and collaborative event, fostering learning, planning, and reflection among the attendees. The participants left with strengthened bonds and clear plans to advance their activities in their respective clusters.